MACARTHURFC MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

MACARTHURFC V ADELAIDE UNITED F.C.

FRIDAY 12 FEBRUARY
KICK OFF 7:05PM
CAMPBELLTOWN STADIUM

A-LEAGUE

2020/21 A-LEAGUE LADDER

#		CLUB	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GA	PTS
1	—	Central Coast Mariners	7	5	0	2	12	7	5	15
2	—	Brisbane Roar FC	6	4	0	2	13	8	5	12
3	—	Western Sydney Wanderers FC	7	3	3	1	9	6	3	12
4	▲	Macarthur FC	7	3	2	2	8	9	-1	11
5	▼	Sydney FC	5	3	1	1	8	5	3	10
6	▲	Perth Glory	5	3	0	2	15	12	3	9
7	▼	Adelaide United	6	2	1	3	8	10	-2	7
8	▲	Newcastle Jets	7	2	1	4	7	9	-2	7
9	▼	Melbourne City FC	6	2	0	4	6	10	-4	6
10	▼	Western United FC	5	1	2	2	8	9	-1	5
11	▼	Wellington Phoenix	5	1	1	3	6	8	-2	4
12	▼	Melbourne Victory	6	1	1	4	5	12	-7	4

PLAYER PROFILE
JAKE MCGING

WHAT WAS IT LIKE TO DEBUT FOR THE BULLS AGAINST YOUR FORMER CLUB ON TUESDAY?

It was a really good feeling to debut for the club, and to do it against my former club made me very proud.

IS IT DIFFERENT PLAYING FOR AN INAUGURAL CLUB COMPARED TO AN ESTABLISHED CLUB?

It's definitely different. We have a different way of playing and it's really enjoyable to be a part of something new.

NAME: Jake McGing
AGE: 26
POSITION: Defender

WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST CLUB AS A JUNIOR?

I started playing at Eschol Park.

HOW DOES IT FEEL TO RETURN BACK TO CAMPBELLTOWN?

Being a Campbelltown boy, it was awesome to come home and have my friends and family around me, while doing what I love.

WHICH PLAYER DID YOU IDOLISE AS A KID?

I loved Harry Kewell growing up. When he moved to Liverpool I jumped ship to them and just followed him. I loved that there was an Aussie doing well overseas and I just wanted to be like him when I grew up.

FAVOURITE MOVIE?

It would have to be Law Abiding Citizen.

MW7 MATCH REPORT: 2-2 IN THE BATTLE OF THE WEST II

If first impressions are anything to go by after producing one of the games of the season the first time these two teams met, the second instalment was always going to be very special.

With the Bulls having all the running in the opening 25 minutes, pressure would eventually become too much for the visitors, when a cleaver Beñat Etxebarria corner found the head of 6ft 4 centre back Aleksandar Jovanovic, who rattled the back of the Wanderers net with near-post header.

Playing full of confidence, the Bulls dominated possession during the opening stanza and forced the Wanderers into errors with their high-energy pressing. The first half finished 1-0.

At the resumption of play, the Wanderers looked a totally different team to the one that took the park in the first half. Energised and pressing for the equalizer, it eventually came when a routine back pass from the Bulls was pounced on by Wanderers captain Graham Dorrens, who found the back of the net from long range after noticing Bulls keeper Adam Federici well off his line.

It would not take long before the Bulls would take the lead again in the derby, this time another nicely worked set piece and was another centre back, Aleksandar Susnjar finding the back of the net.

Aleksandar Jovanovic celebrates scoring the opening goal against the Wanderers

With both teams desperate to take the full compliment of points on offer, it was a frantic last 20 minutes and well worth the price of admission. It would however be the visitors who would draw level, after Keanu Baccas produced a scorpion kick flick on for Simon Cox to tap in.

The final score would remain 2-2 with many fans leaving Campbelltown Stadium believing a shared point was fitting for the thrilling 90 minutes they'd just witnessed.

Adam Federici in the Battle of the West II

Macarthur FC Head Coach Ante Milicic said after the match he was pleased with the first half effort, but his side needed to do better in the second.

"I was pleased with our first half, we played some good football and created chances. To concede the goal we did when we were 1 nil up, we need to do better. We let them back in the game and the last 20 minutes could have gone either way.

"It was an entertaining game in the end, but we need to do better for longer periods.

"They are a very strong team in transition and we probably didn't deal with it as best as we would of liked." Milicic said.

The Bulls now have a short turn around, playing Brisbane Roar away on Tuesday night, before returning to Campbelltown Stadium against Adelaide United on Friday evening.

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MATCH REPORT: MW7 BULLS CHARGE INTO BRISBANE

Running into a stiff breeze during the opening 45 minutes, it was always going to be a tough assignment for the Bulls to tame the high flying Roar outfit - who decimated Melbourne Victory 5-2 just 3 days prior.

In a tight first half where chances were as rare as hens' teeth, Roar's Wenzel Halls had the pick of the chances driving Bull's gloveman Adam Federici into a couple of testing saves.

With 1 minute of additional time on, Bull's young-gun Antonis Martis forced Roar keeper Jamie Young into his most challenging save of the evening, after a half volley sat up for Martis on the edge of the box, only to be swatted away from Young.

At the break it would be all square at 0-0.

Jake McGing made hisA-League return for the Bulls on Tuesday night

With the wind at their backs, the Bulls started the second stanza fast and sharp, creating their best chance of the night at the 51 minute mark. After some sustained pressure from the home side, a super ball from captain Mark Milligan to Denis Genreau, who had done well to break through Brisbane's back 3, found him one on one with Roar keeper Jamie Young, who pulled off brilliant near-post save to deny the Bulls midfielder.

From that point the game started to open, with Brisbane on the counter quickly and dominating the middle part of the second half.

After a perfectly timed triple substitution from Macarthur FC coach Ante Milicic in the 71st minute, saw the injection of fresh legs and some crafty work in the box from youngster Jake Hollman. Squaring up Roar defenders at the edge of the box, Hollman produced a wonderful ball for Genreau to find the back of the net and his first A-League goal.

Ivan Franjic took the pitch in thesecond half

The impact of substitutes has been felt across the opening 8 weeks of the competition and last night was no different.

With the Roar attacking and searching for a late equaliser, the ball broke free and - after conceding a goal in identical fashion last week against the Wanderers - a quick thinking Matt Derbyshire chipped the keeper from 40m out to seal a valuable away 3 points for the Bulls.

Macarthur FC coach Ante Milicic said after the match he was delighted with the result.

MATCH REPORT: MW7 BULLS CHARGE INTO BRISBANE

"We knew coming here was a massive task. The way Brisbane's home record is and the way they have played in the opening weeks, we made the decision as a coaching group to manage the load on some of our players who had been playing 90 minutes previously, and the boys who got an opportunity responded excellently.

"I'm a firm believer to be successful in this competition you need to use your entire playing squad. We had full confidence in the guys who waited patiently for their opportunity, and tonight showed what we have seen each week on the training pitch.

"I'm happy for Jake Hollman. He has shown patience and waited for his opportunity. Tonight, he showed excellent composure creating the first goal for Denis, it is a further step in the right direction for him.

"I'm really pleased the way we started the first half, but we didn't hurt them enough, we didn't penetrate their defence as much as we would have liked, but the fact we stayed in the game is a real positive for us.

"Anyone can beat anyone in the A-League. What we want to do is play good football for longer periods, if we can do that, we believe that will turn into results.

"Tonight's result is good. 3 points against a team who have been in good form, for us we now though, we need to recover and turn our focus towards Adelaide on Friday night back home."

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MACARTHUR SQUARE - LEVEL 3 - NEAR THE FOOD COURT

MATCH WEEK 8 PREVIEW

Credit: Josh Greco

A first-ever win in front of their home fans will be high on the priority list for Macarthur FC when they take on Adelaide United on Friday night.

The Bulls have done a superb job early in their maiden A-League campaign, sitting in fourth spot heading into Matchweek 8.

But Ante Milicic's squad have enjoyed most of their success on the road, meaning they'll be looking to break their Campbelltown Stadium duck against the Reds.

After a strong start to the season, Adelaide have hit a mini form slump, losing their last two games on the bounce to drop out of the top six.

In fact, the Reds haven't won any of their last five matches outside South Australia, conceding eight goals in their last two games away from their home state.

This is the first-ever meeting between the two clubs, whose coaches (Milicic and Carl Veart) were both involved in their inaugural A-League match back in Round 1, 2005.

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THIS WEEKS PLAYING SQUAD

Ante Milicic has named his playing squad for the Bulls Friday night encounter with Adelaide United tomorrow night at Campbelltown Stadium.

Following the Bulls 2-nil away victory over Brisbane Roar on Tuesday night, Milicic has again shuffled his squad with four changes including Jovanovic, Puyo, Meredith and Walter Scott named for Friday night's clash against Adelaide.

The only previous time these two teams have met was in a pre-season friendly, where the Bulls claimed a 3-1 win in hot and steamy conditions at Valentine Sports Park.

Macarthur FC coach Ante Milicic said after Tuesday night's match he was delighted with the result but looked forward to returning home to Campbelltown to take on Adelaide.

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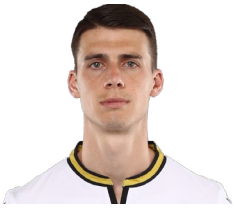
1. FEDERICI (GK)

2. MCGING



3. GOLEC

4. BEÑAT

5. MILLIGAN (C)

6. JOVANOVIC

7. FRANJIC

8. GENREAU

10. PUYO

11. OAR

12. MEREDITH

14. NAJJAR

15. SUSNJAR

16. SUMAN (GK)

21. HOLLMAN

23. SCOTT

27. DERBYSHIRE

29. MARTIS

31. LA. ROSE

33. SUSAETA

ADELAIDE UNITED A-LEAGUE SQUAD

1	JAMES DELIANOV (GK)
2	MICHAEL MARRONE
3	GEORGE TIMOTHEOU
6	LOUIS D'ARRIGO
8	STEFAN MAUK (C)
9	TOMI JURIC
15	NOAH SMITH
16	NATHAN KONSTANDOPOULOS
17	MOHAMED TOURE
18	JOE CALETTI
19	YAYA DUKULY
23	JORDAN ELSEY
24	PACIFIQUE NYONGABIRE
26	BEN HALLORAN
29	KUSINI YENGI
34	YARED ABETEW
35	AL HASSAN TOURE
42	FERGUS LYNCH
46	JOE GAUCI (GK)

OUR UPCOMING MATCHES

WUFC V MACARTHUR FC

MARS STADIUM
SAT 20 FEB | 5:05PM

SYDNEY FC V MACARTHUR FC

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SUN 28 FEB | 4:05PM

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